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# STAR POWER

Your complete guide to this weekend's Oscars ceremony.



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MATT JUUL, NATIONAL FEATURES EDITOR

It's time to roll out the red carpet, because the Academy Awards are back in the spotlight this weekend. Over the past year, there's been no shortage of amazing performances and groundbreaking films that have dominated the silver screen, and now it's time to honor these Oscar-worthy achievements. Ahead of Sunday's big show, we've put together a comprehensive guide to the 2019 ceremony. From

winner predictions to breaking down some of the most talked-about films and controversies, here's what you need to know.

WELCOME TO  
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suspect in criminal probe

**1** "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett is being classified as a suspect in a criminal investigation by Chicago police for filing a false report stating he was attacked in a hate crime, a police spokesman said on Twitter on Wednesday. Smollett, 36, last month told police in Chicago that two men shouting racist and homophobic slurs had accosted him on the street and put a rope around his neck. Smollett, an openly gay African-American

man, also plays a gay man on the show. "Jussie Smollett is now officially classified as a suspect in a criminal investigation by #ChicagoPolice for filing a false police report (Class 4 felony)," Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement on Twitter. "Detectives are currently presenting evidence before a Cook County Grand Jury." Lawyers for Smollett did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Wednesday.

Possible challenge to  
'El Chapo' conviction

**2** Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman may file a motion challenging his conviction on 10 criminal counts, after a juror told Vice News that jurors read media coverage of the case and discussed it with one another while the trial was going on, one of Guzman's lawyers said on Wednesday. U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan had instructed jurors not to read media coverage of the case or discuss it with one another at the

end of every day during the nearly three-month trial that led to Guzman's convictions in Brooklyn federal court last week. "The jury clearly ignored the judge's daily admonitions against not only looking at the press but also had inappropriate communications with each other," said lawyer Jeffrey Lichtman. "We're researching the issue now and will make any appropriate motions for relief. Joaquin Guzman deserved a fair trial."



## Funeral held for NYPD Det. Simonsen

**3** Police officers carry the remains of fallen NYPD Det. Brian Simonsen toward a hearse following his funeral service at the Church of St. Rosalie on Wednesday in Hampton Bays. Thousands of area police officers and law enforcement personnel attended.

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Justice Dept. preparing to  
receive Mueller report

**4** The U.S. Department of Justice may announce as early as next week that Special Counsel Robert Mueller has given the attorney general his report on the federal Russia investigation, CNN said on Wednesday, citing unnamed sources. After the expected announcement, U.S. Attorney General William Barr will review Mueller's findings and submit his own summary to Congress, CNN

reported. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the CNN report. Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, also declined to comment. Democrats have been concerned that Barr, who has discretion over what is ultimately made public, will choose to limit disclosure, although the new attorney general has said he would seek to make public as much of Mueller's findings as he can.

Paltrow countersues Utah  
ski-collision foe — for \$1

**5** Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow on Wednesday counter-sued a retired optometrist who has taken her to court over a 2016 ski slope collision in Utah, saying he caused the crash and was seeking to exploit her fame and fortune three years later. Paltrow, 46, seeks a symbolic \$1 in damages from Terry Sanderson, 72, who sued her last month for \$3.1 million in Summit County District Court in Utah over the

Feb. 26, 2016, incident at Deer Valley Resort in Park City. "Resolution of this counter claim will demonstrate that Plaintiff [Sanderson] ran into Ms. Paltrow and nonetheless blamed her for it in an attempt to exploit her celebrity and wealth," attorneys for the actress wrote in the 18-page complaint. Sanderson announced his lawsuit against Paltrow at a news conference last month in Salt Lake City.

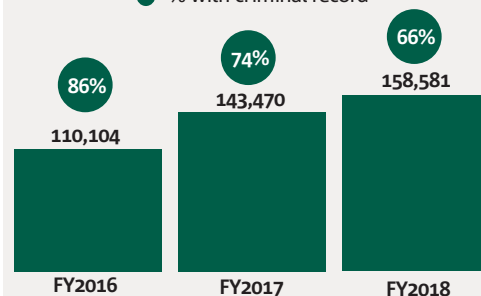
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The New York City subway is its own special ecosystem, where humans may ride the trains but the stations and rails are fair game for any number of creatures — most commonly rats and pigeons, with the occasional wayward goose and goats. Maybe even the Central Park Mandarin duck arrived here by train.

And while New Yorkers have long been creatively interpreting the MTA's rule about dogs being allowed on the subway in carriers, cats are a much rarer sight. In fact, no one at Metro can recall

# 'Morty' is the purr-fect commuter



"Morty" the subway cat is a better commuter than many New Yorkers.

EVA KIS

seeing a cat commuting outside of a carrier until the night of Feb. 19.

Meet "Morty." This tabby was commuting home with his owner, M., on a Brooklyn-bound J train (identity and location withheld for obvious reasons). Wearing a colorful bandana, lounging in a canvas bag on top of a pizza box — what one Twit-

ter user called a "pizza carriage" — he looked about as happy about it being Monday as anyone else.

With his thousand-yard stare, Morty didn't care about the jostling of the tracks or people getting on and off the train. He never so much as looked in my direction as I chatted with his owner. Truly a model commuter.

M. said he takes Morty with him all the time, all over the city. In fact, one of M.'s companions was holding a takeaway bag from Midtown's trendy Korean restaurant Her Name Is Han. However, even if Morty has similarly good taste in cuisine, his owner's claim that he is allowed in restaurants because "he has all his pa-

pers" is false.

Only clearly marked service dogs in a harness or on a leash have an all-access pass to New York City, including a recent matinee show of "Waitress" on Broadway. (Yes, the golden retriever was even trained in how to behave at the theater.)

Commuting cats are not unprecedented — in fact, the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn "employs" a cat named Sadie for pest control. Other famous transit cats include Dodger, who takes round-trips on a bus through his English county of Dorset, and a cat who regularly rides Tokyo's Seibu Ikebukuro line. Station attendant cats are also somewhat common, most famously at Istanbul's Taksim Metro station.

But cats outside of a carrier in the New York City subway are usually in need of rescuing. Morty actually bore a striking resemblance to the cat who gave MTA workers the slip for two weeks in

November 2017 before being nabbed at the Prospect Park Q station.

The only time all pets are allowed on every form of public transit anywhere in New York state is during an emergency, a law signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in October 2018 after people refused to evacuate without their pets during Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

And while you're thinking about cats, spare a thought for Choupette Lagerfeld. Her human, longtime Chanel artistic director Karl Lagerfeld, passed away in Paris on Feb. 19. The Birman breed kitty has starred in advertisements, had two maids and eaten at the dinner table.

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"Black Panther" is leading the charge with Marvel's Oscar nominations. MARVEL STUDIOS

## The Russo Brothers on the Oscars finally recognizing the superhero genre

"Black Panther" and "Avengers: Infinity War" have 10 nominations between them.

GREGORY WAKEMAN

The Oscars have been and always will be divisive.

Not only are the nominations roundly debated, even the eventual winners are usually disputed — and that's before we get to the controversy over the televised show. Of course, social media has only inflamed and made these arguments even more ferocious.

The 91st Academy Awards has already got one thing right, though, by handing out nominations to "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Black Panther," the two most successful films at the 2018 box office.

OK, "Black Panther" is doing most of the heavy lifting with its nine nominations, which includes it being the first-ever superhero film to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar, compared to "Avengers: Infinity War's" solitary Visual Effects nod.

But the Academy Awards' decision to recognize these Marvel behemoths proves that the Oscars are finally starting to appreciate the genre that has long dominated Hollywood and the worldwide box office. The Russo Brothers, who directed "Avengers: Infinity War," clearly believe that the recognition is overdue and the Academy had no choice but to finally acknowledge these blockbusters.

"It is like a lot of things in society right now with these movies. There are a lot of warring ideas about what stories speak to what people and how they're executed and what is 'the best execution.' But I think all of that is evolving," Joe Russo tells Metro. "I think these movies speak to

a younger audience. I think these movies speak to a very wide audience. I think the momentum behind them and what the audience sees as the standard of great storytelling is being redefined through these films. I do think that this was a watershed moment. Certainly Nolan's 'Dark Knight' set the table for all of us. But 'Black Panther' and us getting nominations certainly illustrates that we are now moving in a different direction."

"Avengers: Infinity War" will face off against "Christopher Robin," "First Man," "Ready Player One" and "Solo: A Star Wars Story," while "Black Panther" is currently the fifth-favorite for its Best Picture accolade, ahead of "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Vice" and "A Star Is Born" but behind "The Favourite," "BlackKlansman," "Green Book" and "Roma."

That's hardly surprising. Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight" is one of only a handful of films based on a comic book to have won an Academy Award, with Heath Ledger posthumously picking up the Best Supporting Actor and Richard King claiming the Best Achievement in Sound Editing Oscars. The others include "Big Hero 6" (Best Animated Feature Film), "Batman" (Art Direction), "Spider-Man 2" (Visual Effects) and "Superman" (Special Achievement Award).

But while the Russo Brothers would obviously be overjoyed if Dan DeLeeuw, Kelly Port, Russell Earl and Dan Sudick picked up the Oscar for Best Visual Effects, Anthony is also quick to insist, "We're all very pleased with the movie. So to a large degree we've already gotten our satisfaction." That's exactly what \$2 billion at the box office and a score of 85 percent on Rotten Tomatoes will do.

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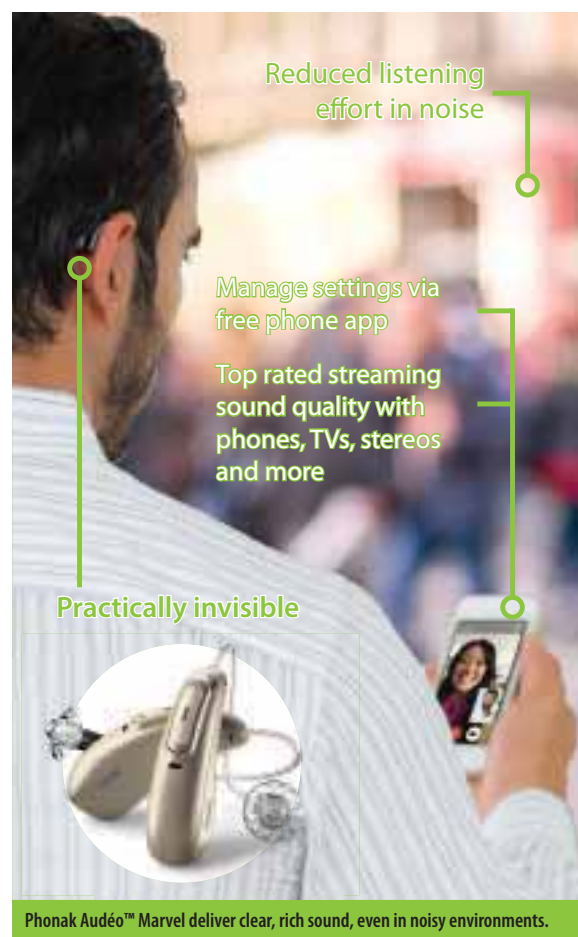
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Controversy has surrounded "Green Book" throughout awards season. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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## Why is 'Green Book' so controversial?

Here are the problems with the Best Picture Oscar nominee.

GREGORY WAKEMAN

"Green Book" has somehow rivaled "Bohemian Rhapsody" as the most controversial 2019 Best Picture Oscar nominee.

After premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival, "Green Book" quickly won the festival's People's Choice Award. It followed that up with successes at the Producers Guild of America and Golden Globes. It was also named one of the best films of 2018 by the National Board Of Review and the American Film Institute.

They were clearly enamored with "Green Book"'s somewhat true story of Italian-American bouncer Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen) driving African-American musician Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) across the south of the United States during the early 1960s. That's understandable, as "Green Book" is funny, propelled by two outstanding performances, and grows and grows to be a bona-fide crowd-pleaser.

But, at its core, the film feels dated. Not only have we seen it all before, which is why the film has constantly been compared to "Driving Miss Daisy," but once again a film about racial inequality, segregation and bigotry is shown from the perspective of a white man. It was directed by one, too, in the shape of Peter Farrelly, and written by three, including Farrelly, Brian Hayes Currie and Nick

Vallelonga, the son of Mortensen's character.

But after excelling at festivals, "Green Book" was criticized by film journalists when it was finally released. IndieWire wrote that it had a "Magical Negro problem," insisting Mahershala Ali's Shirley only exists to "help a white man overcome his problems." The Root described it as "palatable racism for White People," while Vulture decreed that "Get Out" had changed the expectations and standards for films on racism.

The cast and crew then started adding to the issues. Mortensen used the N-word during a Q&A. Farrelly apologized after it was revealed he had a history of flashing his penis while working. Then an anti-Muslim tweet from Vallelonga reemerged.

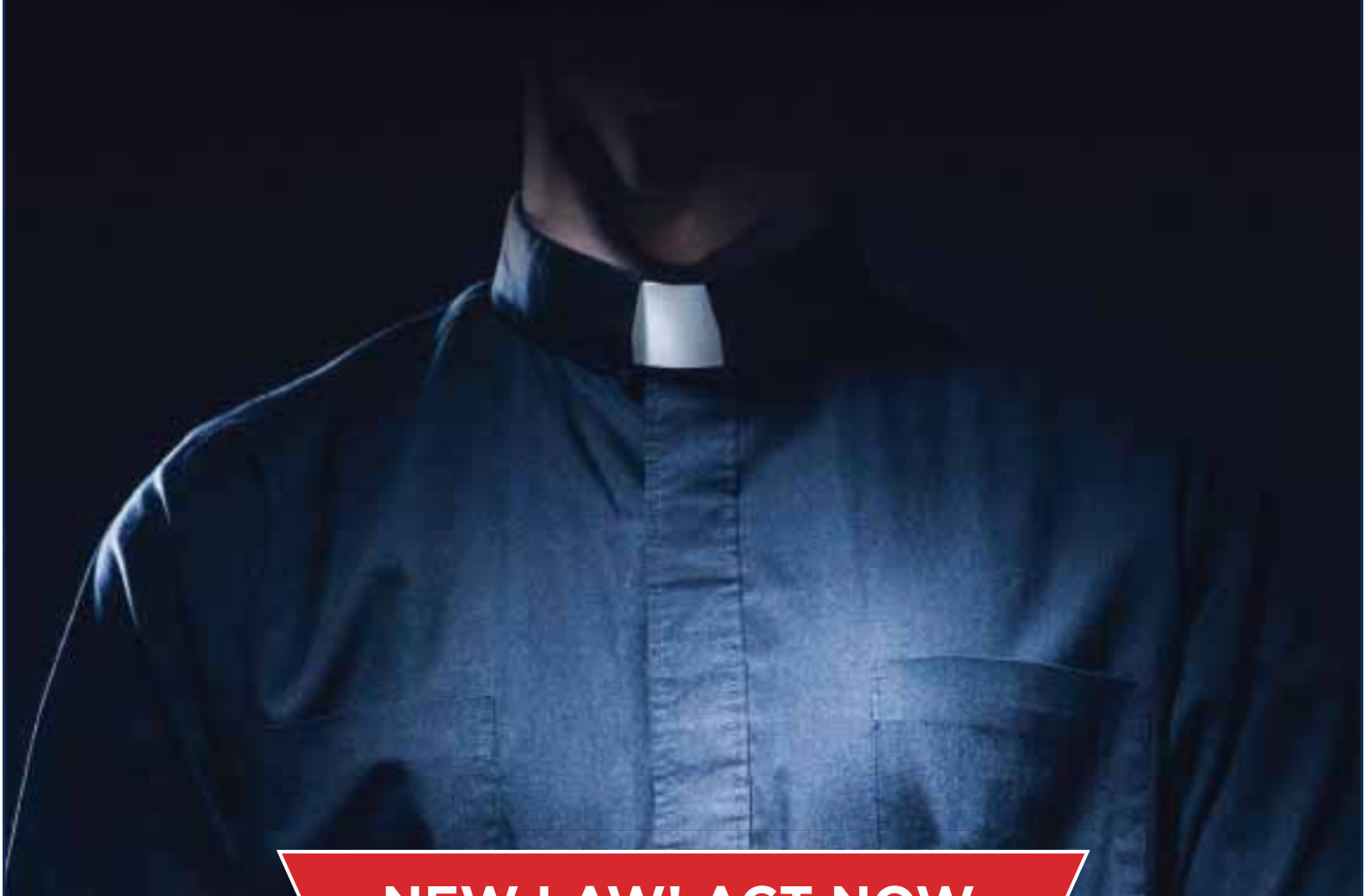
Throughout all of this, Shirley's family have distanced themselves from "Green Book," insisting the musician denied Vallelonga permission to make the film up until his death in April 2013. They even called it a "symphony of lies."

As more members of Shirley's family revealed their disdain for the film, Ali issued an apology, telling Shirley's nephew Edwin, "If I have offended you, I am so, so terribly sorry. I was not aware that there were close relatives with whom I could have consulted to add some nuance to the character."

We'll find out if all of the above have done enough to derail "Green Book"'s Oscar bid on Sunday night.



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## *'I wanted to play a man with complexes and weaknesses'* Viggo Mortensen

Metro chatted with the Danish-American actor about the comedy-drama film "Green Book," which received five nominations for the 91st Academy Awards. **YULIA KALANTAROVA, MWN**



Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen in the comedy-drama "Green Book." **UNIVERSAL PICTURES**

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**During filming, you also had a lot to eat? Everything was real?**

Well, of course, you saw everything. But the food was good, so it would be a sin to complain. On big filming days I just was missing breakfast and even lunch. All these fried chickens and hot dogs do their job.

**Director Peter Farrelly has said he had a hard time convincing you to do this film, since he is known more as a director of comedies such as "Dumb and Dumber."**

He is clearly being modest! It is more likely he wanted to prove something to himself. Of course, there is always a risk — after all, this is the first drama in his career with elements of comedy, and not vice versa. But why not? Peter is a very serious and thoughtful person. We spent a lot of time discussing my

role. I was afraid to make a stereotypical image of a rude Italian-American. But I wanted to play a man with complexes and weaknesses. The film is based on real events, and in the script the main characters are also spelled out as real

**"WE ARE ALWAYS AFRAID AND WARY OF WHAT WE DON'T KNOW OR DON'T UNDERSTAND."**

Viggo Mortensen

people. They sincerely and openly say what they think. All the comedic moments came up from the usual everyday situations.

**Did you have a feeling that, now, when nationalism and racism are gaining strength again, this was the right moment for this story?**

I believe that all that is in our nature, maybe even since the days of the caveman. After all, we are always afraid and wary of what we don't know or don't understand. And every new generation steps on the same rake. Progress and education have nothing to do with it. Even the most respected Harvard professor, for example, can still remain an ignorant person. Namely ignorance and misunderstanding give rise to distrust and prejudice. So, this story is timeless, and it could happen anytime.

**In a previous interview about the film, you said that your character Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga reminded you of your father. Why is that?**

My father also loved telling stories and could convince anyone of anything. I have heard many family stories about him since childhood, but over time they evolved and changed a lot. But at the same time, they sounded so convincing.



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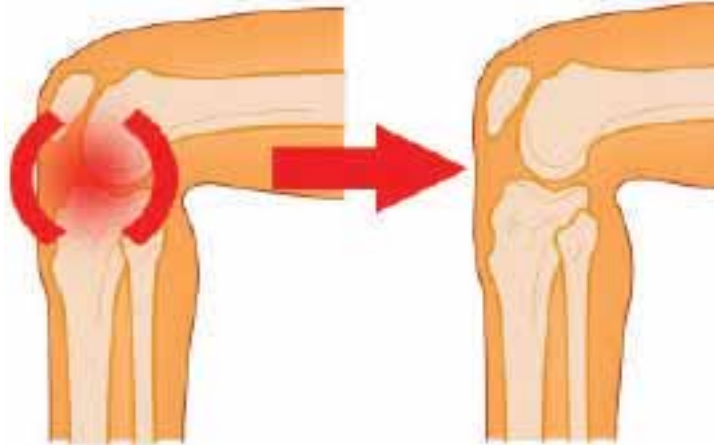
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Director Marielle Heller deserved a nod for "Can You Ever Forgive Me?," starring Melissa McCarthy.

## All the female directors who should've been nominated for an Oscar

There were plenty of oversights.

GREGORY WAKEMAN

The five men up for Best Director at this year's Academy Awards are all worthy nominees. To even suggest that Alfonso Cuarón ("Roma"), Adam McKay ("Vice"), Spike Lee ("BlacKkKlansman"), Pawel Pawlikowski ("Cold War") or Yorgos Lanthimos ("The Favourite") should be omitted would be cruel.

But in 2019, the only thing more depressing than knowing just five females have ever been nominated for a Best Director Oscar is the fact that Kathryn Bigelow ("The Hurt Locker") is the only woman to have actually won the accolade. Many hoped that Greta Gerwig's deserved nomination for "Lady Bird" last year would have started a new trend of women being rightfully recognized in the category. Especially because so many women have made so many formidable films over the last 12 months.

Some of these movies, however, were in genres that the Academy has ignored for decades, even when the films have been directed by men. So it's no surprise that they failed to recognize Susan Johnson for "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," Claire Scanlon for "Set It Up" and Anne Fletcher for "Dumplin'." But Kay Cannon's hysterical direction of "Blockers," which could have easily deflated had she not managed to eke out terrific performances from the eclectic older cast and the younger half of the ensemble, would have been a worthy, if admittedly shocking choice.

At the same time, it's a bit disappointing that "On the Basis of Sex" Mimi Leder and "Mary Queen of Scots" Josie Rourke didn't receive nominations, even though both films, which revolve around Ruth Bader Ginsburg

and Queen Elizabeth, respectively, seemed like Oscar fodder.

You can understand why the Academy ignored all of the above. But there are three directors who should feel genuinely annoyed at being overlooked by the Oscars.

Tamara Jenkins' direction of "Private Life," which premiered on Netflix in October, has been widely celebrated. Not just by viewers, who became enamored of its tale of Paul Giamatti and Kathryn Hahn's married couple struggling to adopt, but it rightfully earned Jenkins nominations at the Gotham, Satellite and Independent Spirit awards.

Then there was Lynne Ramsay's idiosyncratic, edgy yet hypnotic approach to "You Were Never Really Here." Even though the pulpy crime thriller was propelled by one of the best performances of Joaquin Phoenix's illustrious career, the dominant creative voice of the film is that of the Scottish director — a feat most male directors who have worked with the actor have failed at.

But the most egregious oversight was for "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" director Marielle Heller. While the film has been nominated in the Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Adapted Screenplay categories, Heller deserves credit for bonding the terrific performances of Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant to create one of the finest cinematic pairings in the last decade — all while making sure the script sang with the wit, drama and poignancy that most directors would have either under- or overcooked.

We'll see who ends up winning Best Director when the 91st Academy Awards unfold on Sunday. Hopefully the Academy will be much more open to potential female nominations at next year's show.

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## Public advocate candidate out to make NYC more livable

By Amy Smith

It may be politics as usual on Capitol Hill, but Brooklyn Councilman Rafael Espinal is bringing a bold perspective and a refreshing approach to New York's special election for public advocate. The East New York native is pushing for real change on issues affecting all New Yorkers, like an MTA overhaul, environmental sustainability, and affordable housing for all. Revitalizing the city's rundown subway system is a huge undertaking that has stumped

lawmakers for years. The truth is that it will take tens of billions of dollars to repair and optimize our subways. The city's public housing programs are also in dire need of funds and attention. Espinal has a novel, out-of-the-box solution for both—putting an end to a tax rebate that pads Wall Street wallets. The Stock Transfer Tax is something the state and city don't collect. Instead, the rebate kicks back roughly \$11 billion every year to stock purchasers.

In other words, it's a cash-grab for day traders and brokers that only widens our city's growing income inequality gap. Closing this loophole could generate billions over the next decade, unlocking enough funds to rehab our subway system and properly aid the NYCHA's public housing efforts. The kicker? We wouldn't have to raise taxes on the middle class or hike up already-high MTA fares.

It's little wonder the Teamsters Joint Council 16, comprised of over 120,000 New York City workers, is behind Espinal. The Freelancers Union, which advocates for the self-employed, has also publicly endorsed him. They recognize that Espinal is a homegrown New Yorker who's invested in making the city a more affordable place to live.

Espinal is also the only public advocate candidate standing strongly on environmental issues. He has his sights set on bringing the city into the 21st century and advancing robust green programs to increase sustainability. This

includes everything from supporting urban gardening to installing solar roof panels on city buildings to doing away with single-use plastics. It's time to make New York City a forward-thinking leader when it comes to preserving the environment and set an example for the rest of the country.

If Espinal gets elected, he'll be the first Latino—and youngest candidate ever—to be voted into citywide office. He's already proven himself as an effective city council member who isn't afraid to stand up to the powers that be. When Mayor de Blasio sought to rezone Espinal's district to create even more high-priced, market-rate housing, Espinal fought back. He mobilized his community to stand strong and push back on the proposal. Thanks to their efforts, the plan became centered on affordable housing and the community won funding to develop a new community center and school.



In a crowded field of candidates for the special election, Espinal's diverse coalition of supporters—from labor unions and environmental activists to New York's Dominican community and small businesspeople—puts him in a strong position to rise above the other 16 candidates on the ballot. For Espinal, public advocate would not simply be a stepping stone to running for mayor. He has committed to serving the full term as public advocate, unlike many candidates. He's already proven himself as

a powerful local legislator. Now he's ready to step up for the good of the whole city, especially for those who are fed up with feeling neglected or forgotten.

Election Day is Tuesday, February 26. Rafael Espinal is dedicated to helping New York City be both greener and more livable. Visit <https://www.rafaelespinal.nyc> to find your local polling place and learn more about his vision for New York's future.



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# 2019 Oscar predictions you can take to the bank

Here are the films and stars we think will win big. **GREGORY WAKEMAN**

The 91st Academy Awards are still incredibly open. Over the last few weeks, the likes of "Roma," "The Favourite," "A Star Is Born," "Vice," "If Beale Street Could Talk," "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" and "BlackKlansman" have been jockeying for accolades during awards season. That's understandable, as they're widely considered to be the finest cinematic offerings of the last 12 months.

Which is why it is so puzzling that "Green Book" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" have somehow hung around,

throwing up numerous shocks and surprises that now mean neither can be ruled out in any of the categories they're nominated in. All things considered, here are our picks for Sunday night.

## BEST PICTURE "Roma"

Why? Because, for a change, it really is the best film nominated, and Netflix's awards-season push appears to have worked a treat.

## LEAD ACTOR Bradley Cooper, "A Star Is Born"

Why? Having missed out on a Best Director nod, the voters will want to give the handsome star something. Also, it needs to be anyone but Malek.

**LEAD ACTRESS**  
Glenn Close, "The Wife"  
Why? Because she's glorious, always has been glorious and is particularly glorious in the underrated "The Wife."

## SUPPORTING ACTOR Mahershala Ali, "Green Book"

Why? Ali is the only man associated with the bizarrely popular "Green Book" who has any credibility left, which just might make him edge out Sam Elliott. It also helps that, as per usual, he puts in a stupendous performance in the crowd-pleasing but predictable '60s road trip film.

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Regina King, "If Beale

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**Street Could Talk**

Why? "If Beale Street Could Talk"'s lack of nominations is criminal, and King has been picking up the right gongs at the Golden Globes, Critics Choice, National Board Of Review, Satellite and New York, National, San Francisco, Toronto and Washington critics awards.

**DIRECTOR**

Spike Lee, "Black-Klansman"

Why? Alfonso Cuarón is the favorite and is probably more deserving. But the Academy loves to reward directors with storied careers — especially when that director should have won the gong years before, as is the case with Lee, who should have won it in 1989 with "Do the Right Thing."

**ANIMATED FEATURE**

"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey, Rodney Rothman  
Why? Because it is absolutely incredible. So much so that, for a change, it is a worthier winner than Pixar's entry.

**ADAPTED SCREENPLAY**

"Can You Ever Forgive Me?", Nicole Holofcener and Jeff Whitty

Why? Another gem that, despite its acting nominations, hasn't received the attention it deserves. The script for this dastardly comedy is littered with witticisms and lines that are just delicious.

**ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY**

"First Reformed," Paul Schrader

Why? Schrader should have won for "Taxi Driver" or "Raging Bull," both of which he wasn't even nominated for. "First Reformed" is also genuinely one of the

best films of 2018, but it cruelly lost momentum during the awards season as it was released back in May.

**CINEMATOGRAPHY**

"Roma," Alfonso Cuarón

Why? Because "Roma" looks like a painting and a dream.

**ORIGINAL SONG**

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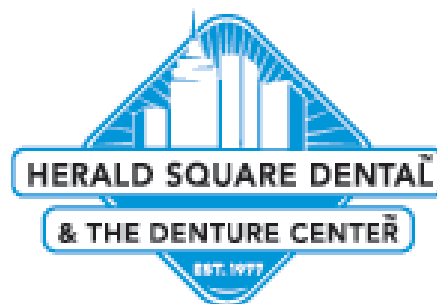
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## Odds to win Best Actor

- Rami Malek ("Bohemian Rhapsody") -300
- Christian Bale ("Vice") +200
- Bradley Cooper ("A Star Is Born") +1400
- Viggo Mortensen ("Green Book") +2500
- Willem Dafoe ("At Eternity's Gate") +5000

Advice: Christian Bale is a good bet here. He won Best Supporting

Actor in 2011 with "The Fighter" but has never won Best Actor. The Academy wouldn't mind sticking it to Dick Cheney, too.

## Odds to win Best Actress

- Glenn Close ("The Wife") -500
- Olivia Coleman ("The Favourite") +400
- Lady Gaga ("A Star Is Born") +800
- Yalitza Aparicio ("Roma") +3300
- Melissa McCarthy ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?") +3300

Advice: This looks like a slam dunk for Glenn Close. She holds the actress record for most Oscar nominations without a win and a loss here would be cruel. The

Academy desperately needs a feel-good moment on this show and giving Close the award would certainly do the trick.

You can also bet on fun Oscars prop bets like, "How many times will Donald Trump be mentioned onstage?" Right now the over-under is 1.5 times, and you've got to like that over, considering the Academy Awards is typically the largest congregation of outspoken liberals on the planet.

Some other fun ones are, "How long will the official ABC broadcast last?" (as the show almost always goes a good half-hour too long) and "Will any winners be bleeped during their acceptance speech?"



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NYC Beer Week starts this Saturday, when taps all over the city run with new brews both wonderful and weird. **EVA KIS**

With more than 400 breweries across New York state and over 40 of them in the city, it can seem like every week is NYC Beer Week.

But the New York City Brewers Guild's annual celebration is about more than drinking your way across them. Back for its 11th year Feb. 23 through March 3, NYC Beer Week brings together over 70 breweries for nine days of celebrating beer by pouring some of the best and weirdest brews they create all year.

It's a chance for breweries to try out all their off-the-wall ideas and pour it for true beer nerds with special can releases, collaboration beers and pairing dinners — because beer and cheese can totally be a meal.

Just to give you an idea of how much beer is out there, New York state has the most breweries it has ever had (thanks to some favorable new laws). Of the more than 40 in New York City, there are the

home-grown breweries like Grimm Artisanal Ales and its "Vogue"-worthy taproom, as well as the new battleground for warring Danish breweries Mikkeller and Evil Twin.

And while you can and should leg it across the five boroughs to see them all, from Flagship in Staten Island to Coney Island Brewery and up to Gun Hill in the Bronx, NYC Beer Week is a MetroCard-friendly way to meet the brewers and taste what they're about.

Out of the dozens of events planned, there's the always-unmissable Opening Bash where you can taste all 75 local and invited breweries' wares, now with two sessions for the first time (Feb. 23, Brooklyn Expo Center, \$75-\$115).

The guild also likes to invite some of the country's most acclaimed brewers so you can taste their beers while they swap brewing trends (Feb. 24, The Well, free). And because drinking locally supports the entire city, celebrate all things Brooklyn at Fools Gold with DJs spinning local hip-hop artists on vinyl all night to pair with local beers (Feb. 26, free). Cheers!

Check out the full list of events at [nycbrewed.com](http://nycbrewed.com).



Cheers to NYC Beer Week!  
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## HAPPY HOUR UNDER THE PALMS

February always brings the best week for beer lovers in New York with NYC Beer Week, but the celebration goes on for much longer — and in a winter-proof setting, too — at Brookfield Place.

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Entry to the festival is free, though you must be over 21. Best Beers of New York takes place at 230 Vesey St. on Feb. 21, 28, March 7 and 14; for more information, visit [bfplny.com](http://bfplny.com).

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## Worth the wait

At age 28, stand-up comedian Molly Brenner finally had her first orgasm — and now she's telling everyone all about it with a new sex-positive comedy show, "I'm Coming." How did it finally happen for her? What took so long? And what did she learn about female pleasure that could help other women? Feb. 21-24, 7 p.m., The

Tank Theatre, 312 W. 36th St., \$12, [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

## Confronting the American prison crisis

There are 2.3 million people in U.S. prisons, a quarter of all imprisoned people in the world. Tied

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**Feel the flow**

House of Yes and Caravan Gitane have created a new kind of dance party, launching this Saturday at Brooklyn's 99 Scott warehouse space. Full Spectrum brings the same positive atmosphere that Bushwick's alternative venue is known for with cosmic art, a chill-out lounge with tea elixirs and aerial performances, all to support experimental producer Max Cooper. **Feb. 23, 10 p.m.-5 a.m., 99 Scott St., \$45-\$65, eventbrite.com**

**Get creative with technology**

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**The splendor of Singapore**

The New York Botanical Garden's annual Orchid Show uses this delicate and prized flower to tell broader stories about the world and art. This year's theme is Singapore, a tribute to the vibrant so-called City in a Garden and its

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**A day at the Chinese circus**

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# How to plan for your next trip on a budget

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If you were lucky enough to get a chunk of change for your tax refund this year, knowing that it is taking up space in your proverbial pocket can become a surefire way for you to spend it irresponsibly. Sure, putting a down payment on a new car sounds like a totally rational and smart idea. What about one or two Faberge eggs while we're at it? Planning a trip to some exotic destination is another guaranteed way for you to blow through it all quickly. Luckily, there are few different websites that can help you to make the most of your hard-earned money while treating yourself to a well-de-

served vacation.

## Travelzoo

Something that can drive you out of your mind while booking a trip can be keeping track of all of the tiny little moving parts that need to fit perfectly in order for it to not go off the rails. Did you book the right combination of flights in order to make it to your destination? Did you make reservations at a hotel that does not appear to be haunted or infested with some sort of flesh-eating vermin? If you have checked those boxes, is there enough money left over to actually enjoy your vacation?

Getting all of these particulars sorted out can be difficult for even the most thorough and well-traveled individuals. So, the travel site Travelzoo has made it a little bit easier for you to book and square away all of these details in one fell swoop. The site compiles



all-inclusive packages to different locations around the world with incredibly slashed prices. For example, you can currently book a round-trip flight to a weeklong stay at an all-inclusive Iberostar Tucan resort — meaning drinks and food are included — in Mexico from both Boston and New York City for around \$850. That's a lot of savings when you consider how many impulse

meals and drinks you would have if you were left to your own devices.

For more info on deals, head over to [travelzoo.com](http://travelzoo.com).

## Scott's Cheap Flights

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— scours the internet for the cheapest deals on flights that are just about to depart within a few days or a week or so. Because they are coming up around the bend, they are marked down considerably. With the case of recent round-trip flights from JFK to Copenhagen, the flights were slashed down from \$800 to \$308. You can sign up to view three deals at a time for free by

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## Viator

If you are looking to do typical tourist things wherever you end up, deals will be hard to come by if you try to look for them in person. The travel site Viator has done some of the heavy lifting in that area for you. They collect all of the best deals on tourist attractions, from slashed prices on tours of the Eiffel Tower to cheap tours of the Napa and Sonoma wine country.

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## SPORTS

# 3 Position battles to watch as Mets, Yanks spring training starts



## CENTER FIELD JUAN LAGARES vs. KEON BROXTON

This could very well be Juan Lagares' last chance to prove to the Mets that he can be their every-day center fielder.

Riddled with injuries, especially over the past three seasons that saw him limited to a combined 203 games, the Mets are cautiously moving forward with Lagares as one of the favorites to start come Opening Day.

While he's one of the best defensive center fielders in baseball when healthy, his bat has caused some concern when injuries have not.

As an insurance option, the Mets acquired Keon Broxton from the Milwaukee Brewers to provide some competition.

While he fell out of favor in Milwaukee, Broxton has shown flashes of power, hitting 20 home runs in 143 games during the 2017 season.

It's his average that has held him from regular playing time, though, as he sports a career .221 mark.

## FIRST BASE GREG BIRD vs. LUKE VOIT

With a stacked lineup, there aren't many holes in the Yankees' offensive game. However, the biggest question mark is coming from first base as the Bronx Bombers plan to choose between Greg Bird and Luke Voit.

The left-handed Bird is hurtling toward bust status as the once highly-touted prospect has battled inconsistencies and injuries during his time in the majors.

After a 46-game debut in 2016, Bird played in just 130 games after missing the entire 2017 campaign. He's struggled mightily at the plate, batting .196 during that stretch.

It makes Voit the favorite for the job, especially after a barnstorming debut for the Yankees after being acquired at the trade deadline from the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 28-year-old mashed 14 home runs in just 39 games in New York, but if it proves to just be a flash in the pan, the Yankees could have some problems at the position in 2019.

## FIRST BASE PETER ALONSO vs. DOMINIC SMITH

It's very likely that the Mets are going to hold star first base prospect Peter Alonso down in the minors until mid-April in order to get an extra year of team control.

There are plenty of fans begging the Mets to start him come Opening Day, after the 2018 season he had in the minors in which he crushed 36 home runs between double-A and triple-A.

The most likely scenario is that Todd Frazier, who likely will lose his third-base job to Jed Lowrie, moves to first while Alonso battles Dominic Smith during spring training.

Smith — who once was one of the organization's top prospects — has not been able to find his stroke in the majors, batting .210 with 13 home runs and 47 RBI in 105 games over two seasons.

His left-handed bat will help his chances making the team, but he'll have to pick up his game big-time in order to hold off Alonso.

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## Duchene watch on for Isles

It's no longer a question of if the Ottawa Senators will trade star center Matt Duchene at the NHL's Monday deadline, but rather when and to whom, leaving teams like the New York Islanders ready to pounce as they search for a top-tier scorer for the stretch run.

The Senators have decided to sit Duchene until he is dealt in order to protect their trade asset, ending any hope in Ottawa that the 28-year-old would work out an extension with the team. With a contract expiring at the end of the season for a team rooted to the bottom of the standings, Duchene will bring a big return of prospects or draft picks to a Senators team that doesn't have their first-round selection this year.

Despite the possibility of Duchene testing the waters in free agency and signing for a completely different team this summer, the Senators have set a high price of a first-round pick, an NHL-ready youngster and a blue-chip prospect for potential trade suitors.

Duchene is having a career season, averaging more than a point per game with 27 goals and 31 assists (58 points) in just 50 games. That kind of firepower makes him one of the league's supreme rentals at the trade deadline alongside fellow teammate Mark Stone and Columbus Blue Jackets playmaker Artemi



Matt Duchene will be traded before Monday's deadline. GETTY IMAGES

Panarin.

Here in New York, the Islanders have shocked the NHL world this season as they lead the Metropolitan Division despite losing their franchise star in John Tavares during free agency last summer. First-year head coach Barry Trotz and president of hockey operations Lou Lamoriello turned a disorganized, dysfunctional franchise into a resolute power in the East. The Islanders' defense, behind the stellar goaltending of Robin Lehner and Thomas Greiss, has paced a team that could make some serious noise in the postseason, but only if they can spark the offense.

Only two teams in the Eastern Conference have scored fewer goals than the Islanders this season, who also have the 24th-ranked power play in the NHL. Prior to the team's 59th game of the season, there was not a single 20-goal scorer on the roster and only one player (Mathew Barzal) who has hit the 50-point mark.

Duchene would not

only provide the Islanders with a clear leading scorer, but he would also help the organization gain some legitimate offensive depth. He's a player that has been on the Islanders' radar for some time, dating back to last season, and negotiations have reportedly begun for a possible deal.

Along with a first-rounder, the Islanders would have to send a player like Anthony Beauvillier or Michael Dal Colle to the Senators along with a prospect like Oliver Wahlstrom or Kieffer Bellows.

That price could understandably provide hesitation for Islanders management or their fans, but Duchene offered some insight on his future plans. Per David Pagnotta of the Fourth Period, Duchene would be open to signing an extension with whichever team trades for him. In order to secure him, Lamoriello would likely have to offer Duchene an eight-year contract that ranges between \$65 million and \$80 million.

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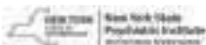
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Plaintiff - against - ALVARO  
MENDEZ et al. Defendant(s)  
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entered December 21, 2018  
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Index # 703092/2016  
JOHN DALLI, ESQ. Referee.,  
Novitt, Sahr & Snow, LLP  
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Queens County, for on-premises  
consumption. Kabayan Restaurant  
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Plaintiff AGAINST Oliver F. Lopez  
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QUEENS COUNTY  
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Plaintiff against ROSE  
NEDGE JOLIDAS, et al  
Defendants  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)  
Fein, Such & Crane, LLP,  
28 East Main Street Suite 1800,  
Rochester, NY 14614  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).  
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Index No 21212-13.  
David Dikman, Esq., Referee  
XCHJC356

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2006-AR19, Plaintiff AGAINST  
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Defendant(s) Pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly dated July 10, 2017  
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New York, on March 01, 2019  
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9390, LOT 15. Approximate  
amount of judgment  
\$709,583.95 plus interest and  
costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment for Index# 9552/11.  
ALEN R. BEERMAN, ESQ.,  
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Queens County, for on-premises  
consumption. DJ Club Inc.

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COUNTY OF QUEENS  
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National Association, Plaintiff  
AGAINST Ruth Rivera a/k/a  
Ruth N. Rivera; Luis Munoz  
a/k/a Luis A. Munoz a/k/a Luis  
Munos; Wilfredo Rivera a/k/a  
Wilfredo Rivera-Lopez; et al.,  
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly dated January 2, 2019  
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of filed Judgment Index#  
707185/2014. Jerome Patterson,  
Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro  
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the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing  
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Supreme Court  
County Of Queens  
HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as  
Trustee on behalf of the holders  
of Deutsche Bank Alt-A Securities  
Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage  
Pass Through Certificates, Series  
2007-AR2, Plaintiff - AGAINST  
Ramesh Pawa, PI Construction  
Service, Inc., et al, Defendant  
Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly  
dated 5/7/2018 and entered on  
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known as 38-18 31st Street,  
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that certain plot piece or parcel  
of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate,  
lying and being in the County  
of Queens, City and State of  
New York, BLOCK: 383, LOT: 19.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
is \$924,167.02 plus interests  
and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment Index # 3823/2014.  
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## NOTICE OF SALE

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COUNTY OF QUEENS  
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TITLE TRUSTEE FOR  
TRUMAN 2012 SC2 TITLE  
TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST  
SHARIF HOTAKI, et al.,  
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly dated December 17,  
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Boulevard, Jamaica, New York,  
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provisions of filed Judgment for  
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Fearnone Gerard Lalande Esq.,  
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SUPREME COURT  
QUEENS COUNTY  
PENNYMAC CORP., Plaintiff  
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Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).  
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11435, in Courtroom #25 on  
March 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM.  
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parcel of land, situate, lying  
and being in the Borough  
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Judgment is \$591,597.31  
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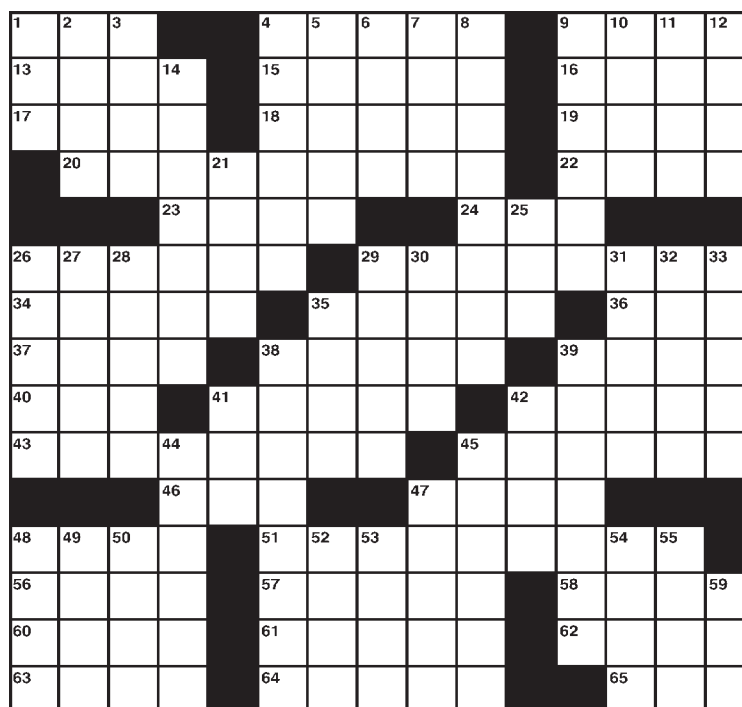
## ACROSS

- 1 Speedometer letters  
4 Underneath  
9 Run-in  
13 Pore over  
15 Popeye's love  
16 Additionally  
17 Rescue  
18 Judge's mallet  
19 Deadly creatures  
20 La-Z-Boys  
22 \_\_\_ up; confesses  
23 Committed perjury  
24 Weather forecast  
26 Indian & Arctic  
29 Short negligee  
34 Dangerous fish  
35 Court event  
36 Lowe or Estes  
37 Didn't \_\_\_ for; disliked  
38 Grieve  
39 City in Texas  
40 Toward a ship's stern  
41 City in England  
42 Hell's ruler  
43 Practice

- 45 Scarcely  
46 CBS competitor  
47 Part of the leg  
48 Hopping insect  
51 Crucial  
56 Sandy soil  
57 Banquet  
58 Derriere  
60 Monster  
61 Bring together  
62 \_\_\_ other; one another  
63 No longer sick  
64 Of the moon  
65 Fight result, for short

## DOWN

- 1 Married woman, for short  
2 "...and a partridge in a \_\_\_ tree"  
3 "...I got news for you!"  
4 Namesakes of Bacall's love  
5 African antelope  
6 "...and Let Die"; 007 film  
7 Take \_\_\_; assume control  
8 Cardiff resident  
9 Wooden shoes  
10 Farm machine  
11 As strong \_\_\_ ox  
12 Throw  
14 State openly  
21 Piece of a chain  
25 Wesson product  
26 Boxer De La Hoya  
27 Rub enough to make sore  
28 One of the planets  
29 Vulgar  
30 Broadcasts  
31 Give a speech  
32 \_\_\_ yokel; small-town resident  
33 Blackish wood  
35 Ballerina's support  
38 Compassionate  
39 Armed conflict  
41 Scientist's workplace  
42 \_\_\_ and pepper  
44 Tooth coating  
45 Exchange goods  
47 \_\_\_ Rica  
48 Move along smoothly  
49 Theater box  
50 British noble  
52 List of dishes  
53 Agony  
54 \_\_\_ as a pin  
55 \_\_\_ on; attach to  
59 Fraternity letter



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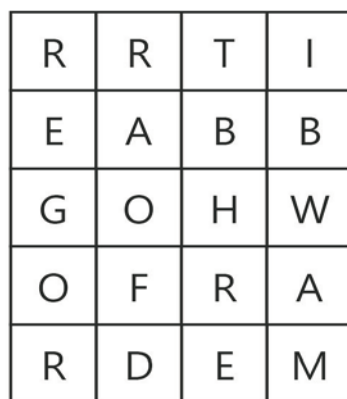
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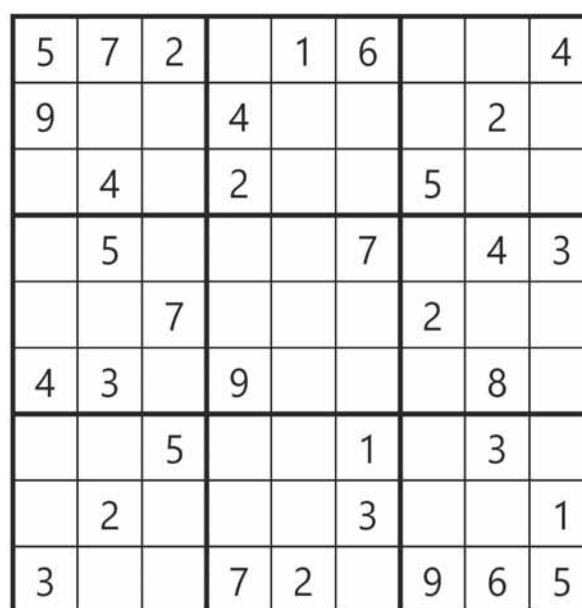
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